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BS 6009 Hell

WITH DISSERTATION THEORY OPTION

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 - a. Name of course, author and instructor's name with title
 - b. Student's name, degree working toward, and the date completed
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2. Separate page & heading for each new section, capitalized at top center of that page SUMMARY, PRECIS, PAPER
3. All papers are to be typed with .5" margins using font & size: Calibri 11 pt. Summaries and book reports are to be double-spaced
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COURSE ASSIGNMENT: BS 6009 Hell

Textbook

All You Want to Know About Hell (Steve Gregg)

ISBN: 978-1401678302

Summary:

Were you aware that three entirely different views of hell have been held by Christians throughout history? We have all heard the "traditional" view--that hell is a place of everlasting torment for the lost. But most have never heard that Christians from the earliest centuries also held other views--including the view that, in hell, sinners are annihilated and cease to exist, on the one hand, and the view that sinners are brought to repentance and restored to God, on the other.

All You Want to Know About Hell explains and critiques the three views on hell, presenting all the biblical arguments for and against each view. The author does not espouse any one view but present the evidence for each for the reader to decide for him/herself.

1. WATCH

- The Wrath of God: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mn1temVQjmc>
- Intro to Hell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8zohkMU6gs>
- The Big 3 Hell Texts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Ywg7cR5oYg>
- Conditional Immortality/Annihilation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tU5itEqCu_w
- Universal Reconciliation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3TW6NBk65I>
- Eternal Conscience Torment (traditional view):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXI3u5DoDGs>
- Conclusion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02syhTux5iw>

2. PRECIS

- write a book report for the textbook. Pages according to degree work per degree for book report requirement:
 - Master: 5
 - Doctorate: 8

3. PAPER

- Write a paper on one of the topics below
 - Select one of the big 3 hell text and write a paper based on a pericope of verses in Matthew 24, Revelation 14, or Revelation 20.
 - Write a paper defining "Life" and "Death" within a biblical worldview and how that relates to final punishment.
 - Select one of the 3 Christian views of hell and write a defense paper of your view.
- Minimum pages and citations according to degree work per degree:
 - Master: 5
 - Doctorate: 8

DOCTORAL RESEARCH STUDENTS DISSERTATION THEORY ASSIGNMENT:

- [Doctor of Theology](#)—ThD (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Education](#)—DCE (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Counseling](#)—DCC (*Requires a Dissertation*)

READ ADDITIONAL TEXTBOOK:

Four Views on Hell: Second Edition (Counterpoints: Bible and Theology) by , Preston Sprinkles, Stanley N. Gundry ISBN 0310516463

By focusing on recent theological arguments, Four Views on Hell: Second Edition highlights why the church still needs to wrestle with the doctrine of hell.

In the fair-minded and engaging Counterpoints format, four leading scholars introduce us to the current views on eternal judgment, with particular attention given to the new voices that have entered the debate.

ASSIGNMENT DISSERTATION THEORY:

Choose your view of Hell and defend it in 15 pages citing at least 15 sources and proposing at least one idea or argument as original as possible. The first page should separately represent your objectives and abstract for the following project.

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The issue of hell deals directly with the character of God. Whatever your view of hell may be it directly reflects your view of God and justice. In this course we'll examine these questions as we explore the texts and historical views of the final punishment. Throughout Christian history there have been 3 views held simultaneously and all 3 base their views on scripture. We'll explore the weights and merits of each within a biblical worldview and within the text, culture, and language of scripture.

Eternal torment has been the traditional view in the west. It concludes that God will eternally punish those who reject him and have sinned against him without accepting Jesus' atonement for the forgiveness of those sins. In this view, proponents hold to the soul as immortal and death being spiritual in nature.

Conditional immortality holds that life is a gift and separation from the giver of life will result in ceasing to exist bodily. Proponents of this view take the language of death, destruction, and perish literally and not spiritually. Likewise, they believe that humans were not created immortal but need God's sustainment (eating from the tree) to live.

Universal reconciliationists believe that God will redeem and restore all of his creation and all people. They believe that the fire of hell is for purification, God will consume all of their sin, and they believe that all will come to saving faith through the love of Jesus. They often get straw manned for being pluralists, but this is not true. They believe that God has the power and the desire to save all.

In this course we'll explore the biblical merit for each, examining the strengths and weaknesses of each view and hopefully this will give you clarity in your view of God's character, his justice, and his plan for humankind. As well, we pray it will motivate you to love your neighbor and share the good news of Jesus to make disciples of all nations.